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SUBJECT: ITALIAN IMPORT MEASURES

REF: ROME 5976 (NOTAL)

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1. IN A MAY 2 INTERVIEW WITH ROME BUSINESS DAILY "IL GLOBO", FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER MATTEO MATTEOTTI STATED ADVANCE DEPOSIT REQUIREMENT WILL AFFECT 45 PERCENT OF ITALIAN IMPORTS BUT EXACT LISTINGS OF PRODUCTS INCLUDED AND EXEMPTED BY CUSTOMS CATEGORIES STILL IN PREPARATION. HE STATED THAT CUSTOMS CATEGORIES COVERING VARIED PRODUCTS MAY BE SPLIT BETWEEN BOTH LISTS BY PRODUCTS CONCERNED

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THE MINISTER CONTINUED THAT THE LISTINGS WOULD BE PROVIDED EC MAY 3.

2. THE NEWSPAPER COMMENTS IN INTERVIEW ARTICLE THAT REGULATIONS WILL GO INTO FORCE MONDAY, MAY 6, AND THAT THE CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES SHOULD RECEIVE THE CUSTOMS TARIFF LISTS DURING THE WEEKEND.

3. MATTEOTTI, WHO SAID THE LIST OF DEPOSIT REQUIRED PRODUCTS RAN QUOTE FROM CHAMPAGNE TO AUTOMOBILES UNQUOTE, STATED THAT WHILE PERHAPS ITALY HAD LET THE SITUATION GO A BIT TOO LONG, THE GOI COULD HAVE WAITED NO LONGER. HE CHARACTERIZED THE EC REACTION AS SATISFACTORY THUS FAR BUT FEARED THAT SOME COUNTRIES AT GATT IN GENEVA WILL NOT ACCEPT THE ITALIAN MEASURES. HE SAID THAT ITALY WAS LIABLE TO COUNTERMEASURES. QUOTE JAPAN AND OTHER COUNTRIES WILL ASK COMPENSATION OR RETALIATE. ABOVE ALL THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WILL CRITICIZE US HARSHLY. WE FORESEE DIFFICULTIES WITH SOME COUNTRIES PRODUCING RAW MATERIALS, FOR EXAMPLE, CACAO UNQUOTE.

4. THE MILAN BUSINESS DAILY "IL SOLE/24 ORE" STATED IN ITS MAY 3 ISSUE THAT DECREE NOW BEING PUBLISHED PROVIDES THAT IMPORT DEPOSIT MAY BE PAID BY EITHER IMPORTER OR FOREIGN SUPPLIER AT TIME GOODS ARE CLEARED THROUGH ITALIAN CUSTOMS. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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COMMENT: WHILE EMBASSY HAS COPY OF WHAT IS ALLEGED TO BE ROKING

IST OF AFFECTED PRODUCTS FROM DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS, WE WERE INFORMED
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TODAY BY KNOWLEDGEABLE GOI OFFICIALS THAT COMPOSITION OF LIST STILL SUBJECT OF ACTIVE DEBATE WITHIN GOI AND NOT SETTLED.
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